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In re the Patent Application of)
Junji HORIKAWA, et al.) Art Unit: 2724
Serial No. 09/366,549) Examiner: A. DO
Filed: August 4, 1999)
For: Computer Animation Generator)

SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows.

Please rewrite the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 20, with the following paragraph.

E. -- According to the invention, in order to solve the above problems, there is provided an approximating apparatus for figure data for approximating shape data to that of a desired resolution, comprising: evaluating means for evaluating an importance of each of the edges which construct the shape data; edge removing means for removing an unnecessary edge on the basis of a result of the edge evaluation; and vertex position determining means for determining a vertex position after the unnecessary edge was removed. --

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